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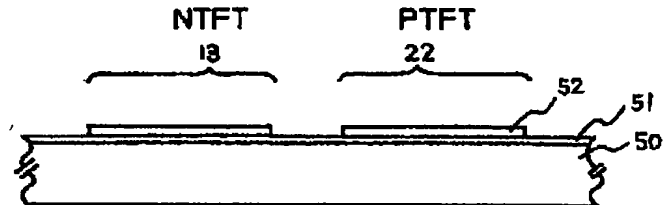
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**ABSTRACT :** PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To enable a semiconductor device of high performance to be manufactured at a low temperature, by a method wherein an intrinsic non-single crystal semiconductor layer is formed on a silicon oxide film through a vacuum CVD method where disilane or trisilane is used, the intrinsic non-single crystal semiconductor layer is heated at a specific temperature to turn crystalline, and a gate insulating film is formed on the semiconductor layer.

**SOLUTION:** A silicon oxide film is formed as a blocking layer 51 on a glass 50, and a silicon film is formed thereon using disilane or trisilane through a vacuum CVD method. In this case, this process is carried out, for instance, at a temperature of 530°C lower than a crystallization point. Then, an amorphous silicon film is formed and thermally treated at an intermediate temperature lower than 700°C, for instance, at a temperature of 450 to 700°C in a non-oxidizing atmosphere. Through this annealing process, the silicon film is transformed from an amorphous structure to another structure of high order and partially turned into a crystalline state. A silicon oxide film is formed thereon as a gate insulating film.

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